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CLERK: Thank you. I have an amendment by Senator Wickersham to LB 298 to be printed; Senator Byars, new A bill, LB 862A. (Read by title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 925-926.)

Mr. President, on the amendment and the division, as requested by Senator Chambers, there will be three components and we'll have them on your Chamber Viewer shortly, but the amendments will be all of page 1, all of page 2, lines 1 through line 26 on page 3; second amendment will be line 27 on page 3 through line 17 on page 4; and the third amendment will be lines 18 through 24 on page 4. And, as per indication from Senator Beutler, he would like to begin the discussion with the amendment that begins on page 4, lines 18 to 24, I think characterizes the fee increase. (FA904, Legislative Journal page 926.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. You've heard the outline, the divisible question, by the Clerk. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on part 1.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, the current language on fees indicates that the fee will be \$14 for the year 2002. It then goes to \$17 in 2003; \$18, 2004; \$19 in 2005; and \$20 in 2006. In the amendment, this divided portion, it's simplified considerably. It's \$14 this year, and it goes to \$18 next year so...on January 1, 2003. So the total increase is \$4, as compared to a total increase of \$6 in the bill as it is now. That's the compromise suggested. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on page 3 of the divided question. Open for discussion. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have talked to Game and Parks. They're agreeable to this. This is \$2 less than they wanted. Eventually it does go directly to \$18, where the...where the proposal in the bill was \$17, \$18, \$19, and \$20. I think it would serve them well for a considerable amount of time, at least till most of us are term limited out. And so, you know, it's been 1994 since they've had a fee increase and I'm certain their salaries have increased,